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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/419,611
Applicants: HIROSHI IZUI, ET AL.
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For: L-GLUTAMIC ACID PRODUCING BACTERIUM AND
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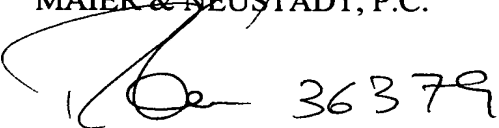
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Our check in the amount of \$-0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted document, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached document timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if this paper are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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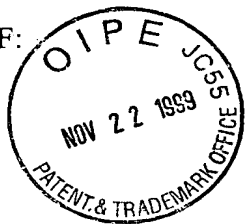
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SIR:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, line 22, replace "of" with --genus--.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

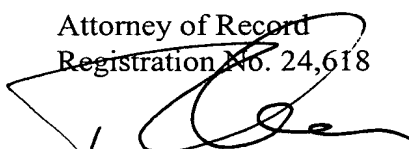
The specification has been amended to correct an informal error. The amendment is supported by the specification as originally filed, for example at page 2, line 3. No new matter is believed to be introduced by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

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